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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, EIND, SHUM, TH  
SUBJ: LUNCHEON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

REF: BANGKOK 12534

1. SUMMARY. I LUNCHEONED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY WITH PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS. THE FOREIGN GUESTS WERE THE CANADIAN AND DANISH AMBASSADORS AND THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE. NOT A WORD WAS SPOKEN WITH REGARD TO THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTRIGUES NOW GOING ON AND THE ONLY GENERAL CONVERSATION WAS A DISCUSSION LED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON HOW TO COPE WITH COMMUNIST THREATS. ALTHOUGH THE ATMOSPHERE WAS GENIAL, IT WAS CLEAR THAT EVERYONE PRESENT HAD OTHER MATTERS IN MIND.

2. LUNCH WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TURNED OUT NOT TO BE THE PRIVATE MEETING I HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE WERE PRESENT; ALSO THE SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT. I WAS ABLE TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM FOR THE GENERAL TELEPHONE AND ELECTRONICS COMPANY BUT ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING ELSE.

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3. IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE TONE OF THE GROUP AND THEIR SMILING POKER FACES THAT MENTIONING THE COUP RUMORS WITH WHICH BANGKOK

IS RIFE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A SERIOUS IMPROPRIETY. ON DEPARTURE, I HAD A PRIVATE MOMENT WITH THE CANADIAN AND THE DANE WHO DESCRIBED THE GROUP AS "SCARED GREEN," A CHARACTERIZATION WITH WHICH I AGREE. AT ONE POINT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT REMARKED JOCULARLY THAT A CERTAIN PROBLEM MIGHT BE LEFT TO A SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT. THIS SALLY MET WITH MIRTHLESS GRINS.

4. AFTER LUNCH, THE PRIME MINISTER HELD FORTH ON THE THEME OF THAILAND'S ATTACHMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DETERMINATION TO DEFEND THEM AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. THIS WAS ENLIVENED BY A GOOD DEAL OF GIVE AND TAKE WITH THE CANADIAN WHO URGED THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THAILAND BE PALATABLE TO ITS FRIENDS.

5. THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE UNUSUAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL CHAROEN, WAS AT LUNCH AND SEEMED PREOCCUPIED.  
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